# STUDENT WELLBEING



# **Uniform Guidelines**

Liverpool West Public School has a uniform that proudly defines our school and students in our local community. These guidelines are in line with the Department of Education's *School Uniform Policy*.

The benefits of wearing a school uniform include:

- creating an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination, and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

- Dress aqua/white check
- Black shorts
- Black skort
- Short-sleeved polo shirt

## WINTER UNIFORM

- Black trackpants
- Long-sleeved polo shirt
- Black jacket
- Black jumper
- Scarves/gloves optional but must be black

#### ALL YEAR

- White or grey socks
- Black patent leather shoes
- Black sneakers
- School cap
- Black cap
- Hair ties black or teal

#### Variations

- Short-sleeved Aboriginal shirt
- Year 6 polo shirt

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NOTE: There should be no logos or any other designs on any of the above items (see Appendix N).

## RECOGNITION

Every Monday morning students, wearing full school uniform, are chosen randomly to receive a 100% Uniform Award.

## EXEMPTIONS

At times, there may be circumstances where a student may be exempt from wearing a school uniform. These exemptions are in line with the Department of Education's *School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools* document.

#### Short Term Exemptions

These exemptions are due to temporary circumstances. This may include a student temporarily attending a different school while staying with extended family or a carer but will be returning to their home school.

#### Long Term Exemptions

Long term exemptions can be provided when:

- an aspect of the school uniform requirements prevents students from complying with a requirement relating to their ethno-religious background
- the student has a particular health condition that requires a modification of an aspect of the requirements
- the student is disadvantaged in complying with an aspect of the uniform because of other personal circumstances outlined in anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation.

## Informal Exemptions

Informal exemptions can be provided when temporary extreme weather conditions or temporary health conditions require the wearing of protective or other clothing outside uniform requirements.

A register is kept of all requested exemptions and modifications as a pattern of this may demonstrate a need to review school uniform requirements.

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#### APPENDIX N

School Uniforms

